

FLAMES SWEEP ST. AUGUSTINE

Five Hotels, Several Residences and Courthouse Burned, Loss \$500,000 To \$750,000.

WOMAN FATALLY HURT JUMPING TO STREET

Guests Escape in Night Clothing—the Famous Vedder House and Priceless Relics Destroyed.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 2.—Five hotels—the Florida, and Munson houses and the Clairmont, Atlantic and Central—several residences and the court house were destroyed by a fire here early today that swept through one and one-half blocks, causing a loss estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000. First reports that several persons had perished or were missing were not verified upon investigation but the majority of the guests in the hotels escaped in night garments, losing most of their personal belongings.

One woman, name not yet learned, leaped from a third story of a building and sustained a broken back. She will die. A. Libby, a guest of the Florida house, also leaped from an upper window and broke a leg and was badly shaken up. He will recover.

The area burned was two long blocks in the heart of the city along the bay shore. In this area were four hotels and a number of residences and summer cottages together with the Vedder house. All were destroyed except the Magnolia hotel, which was saved by hard work.

The Jacksonville fire brigade arrived here at 4 o'clock and soon thereafter the fire was under control. Most of the county records were saved including the ballots cast yesterday in a good roads bond election when \$500,000 bonds were voted. The ballots for a wet or dry election on today were burned and provisional ballots were quickly printed this morning and the election is proceeding.

The famous Vedder house, one of the oldest in America, containing the priceless relics of the St. Augustine Historical society, was destroyed with all contents.

The National guard company here was ordered out by Adjutant General Foster to guard the personal belongings of the victims which are scattered about the plaza. At 9 o'clock the two long blocks are smoldering ruin.

Spread Rapidly. The fire which was first noticed by Police Officer P. A. McCormick, originated in the second story of the south wing of the Florida house which was a frame structure, shortly before 1 o'clock. Heavy clouds of smoke coming from a window in the second story attracted the attention of the policeman, who immediately called the fire department, located only a few steps away. The department was on the scene quickly, but the frame building burned so rapidly that the flames were uncontrollable and spread to surrounding frame buildings.

Firemen and others who gathered when the alarm sounded turned their attention to the rescue of guests. It was only this prompt action that prevented loss of life. Although no one perished in the flames, two were seriously injured, one of whom may die. An unknown woman who leaped from the third story of the Florida house suffered a broken back and is expected to die. A. Libby, a young man, also jumped from an upper story and sustained a broken leg. Others escaped with minor injuries.

Buildings Destroyed. The buildings destroyed were the Florida house, Munson house, Clairmont house, Central hotel, power boat house on the bay front, Lynn, two story brick building, Clarence Rogers' residence, Court house, Mrs. Lillian Smith's residence, Genovar theater building, Sylvester's blacksmith shop, Nook cottage, J. D. Puller's residence, Gould T. Butler's residence, Dr. G. W. Potter's residence, old Vedder building which contained the historical collection of the Historical society, all of which were lost. Joseph Flat building, Sallas building, Sanchez building, Monson cottage and several smaller cottages. Building damaged by flames: Lynn building, Magnolia hotel, Noury paint shop, Dearhoff residence and other smaller structures.

Among the buildings first to go was the St. John's county court house, which had been supposed to be a fire-proof structure.

Records Saved. Valuable records which were stored in the court house were saved and it is believed that the records in the fire-proof vaults of the county clerk will in any other way be damaged.

The flames were under control shortly after daybreak and the city looked then upon the charred area which had once been the show place of the oldest city in the United States.

Priceless Relics Gone. Priceless treasures were reduced to smoldering bits of wood and charred paper when the flames attacked the

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ROCKEFELLER BOARD DETAILS ARE ASKED

Resolution Asks its Relation to Work of U. S. Agricultural Department.

Washington, April 2.—Senator Kenyon's resolution calling upon Secretary Houston for information concerning the relation of the general education board of the Rockefeller foundation to the work of the department of agriculture, has been passed by the senate.

The resolution states the general education board of the Rockefeller foundation "is financed by John D. Rockefeller" and calls upon the secretary for a "statement showing names and positions of all employees, if any, of the department whose salaries are paid in whole or in part with funds contributed by Mr. Rockefeller; also names and positions of all department administrative officers who are in any way connected with the work of the general education board; and salaries, if any, received by them from the Rockefeller foundation."

The resolution was based on the statement of Representative McLaughlin of Michigan, in the house, that 6000 employees of the department of agriculture were in the employment also of the Rockefeller foundation.

"RUBE" WADDELL HAS ANSWERED LAST CALL

Famous Pitcher Dies in Sanitarium in Texas, Victim of Tuberculosis.

San Antonio, Texas, April 2.—George Edward Waddell, the famous "Rube," as he is known wherever baseball is played, died at a sanitarium here late yesterday, a victim of tuberculosis. Waddell, until several years ago one of the greatest of baseball pitchers, came to West Texas four months ago already weakened by pulmonary trouble but buoyant and hopeful that a few months would see him restored to health and "back in the same."

He located on a ranch near Fortna but insisted on improving, his strength diminished from day to day until his condition became so serious last month that he was brought to a sanitarium here.

John Waddell, "Rube's" father, and his mother arrived from Boerne two hours after their son died. A sister who lives here is the only other surviving relative. Interment will be here tomorrow.

INFANTRY COMPANIES INSPECTION TONIGHT

Capt. Russell Langdon, U. S. A. Arrives for the Annual Inspection.

Captain Russell Langdon of the United States army arrived here this morning and tonight at 8 o'clock will inspect the local military companies F and K, of the North Carolina National guard, at the armory on North Main street. This will be the annual inspection of the companies and it is stated that everything is in readiness for Captain Langdon's inspection.

The members of the two companies have been doing extra drilling during the last few weeks in preparation for the annual inspection and Captains Koon and Bard announce that their men are in the very best of condition. All the equipment of the companies has been gone over and put in the best of condition and it is expected that Captain Langdon will find the Asheville companies up to the standard if not a little better. The Asheville companies are considered by the military authorities of the state as being the best drilled and best equipped in the state, it is stated, and it is expected that at the inspection tonight the men will uphold this opinion of the state authorities.

Steamers Collide. Washington, April 2.—Rear Admiral Badger, commanding the Atlantic fleet off the Virginia capes, reported today that the steamer Robert M. Thompson, from Philadelphia for New Orleans, had collided with the schooner Augusta W. Snow, that the schooner's side was stove in and she waterlogged and that he had directed the tug to tow her into port.

FIFTY SAILORS PERISH OF COLD

Disaster Overtakes Sealing Steamer Southern Cross Off the Coast of Newfoundland.

MANY OF THE CREW VICTIMS OF BLIZZARD

Vessel Caught in Ice Returning From Sealing Grounds—Others Have Died Since Rescue.

St. Johns, N. F., April 2.—Disaster has overtaken the sealing steamer Southern Cross and her crew of 170 men. Fifty of the men have died from exposure in a furious blizzard and others are dying.

The steamer Newfoundland arrived here today with some survivors of the crew of the Southern Cross which was caught in the ice while returning from the sealing grounds. Her crew were adrift on ice floes for 48 hours suffering terribly. Many are still missing and other vessels are searching for them. Of those brought in by the Newfoundland 50 were either dead or dying when the ship reached port.

ENTIRE FAMILY IS MISSING FOLLOWING FIRE IN TENEMENT

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 2.—Two policemen were seriously burned and an entire family consisting of the father, mother and three children were reported missing in a fire on the north side early today. Four frame tenement houses were destroyed with a loss of \$50,000. Police and firemen rescued more than a score of persons.

MR. SHIPMAN WRITES TO THE ODD FELLOWS

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 2.—In an open letter to the Odd Fellows of North Carolina Grand Master M. L. Shipman writes an especial appeal for the most general and appropriate observance possible of the ninety-fifth anniversary of Odd Fellowship. In the course of the statement the grand master says: "Since the father of the order unfurled our standard 95 years ago more than two millions have enlisted under it and \$300,000,000 has been voluntarily contributed for the maintenance of its institutions and for the comfort of those who have become victims to the trials and adversities inseparable to human life."

REVENUE CUTTER FINDS VESSEL IN DISTRESS

Norfolk, Va., April 2.—Wireless dispatches received today at the Norfolk navy yard said that the United States revenue cutter Onondaga had found the American steamer Herman Frasch, reported yesterday in trouble off Cape Hatteras and is now standing by the Frasch about 14 miles off the Diamond Shoals lightship.

It is expected that the Onondaga will take the Frasch in tow for Norfolk or Hatteras Inlet.

The nature of the Frasch's distress was not given in the wireless dispatches.

COXEY PREPARING TO MOBILIZE HIS ARMY

New York, April 2.—Jacob S. Coxey leader of the army which marched on Washington in 1894, today established headquarters here. He said he would spend several days looking after plans for mobilization of the New York wing of an army of 50,000 men which he intends to lead into the national capital some time this month.

To main division of the army, he said, will leave Massillon, Ohio, on April 14 and will be joined outside Washington by the eastern division.

26 NATIVES KILLED IN TRAIN DERAILMENT

Batavia, Java, April 2.—Twenty natives were killed and 50 others injured today by the derailment of a train while it was crossing a bridge near Tanjong Priok, six miles from this city. The accident occurred when the locomotive ran into a her of buffalo.

A number of Europeans traveling on the train escaped injury as they occupied the rear cars.

PENN. RY. ANNULS PASSENGER TRAINS

Takes off 118 Following Retrenchment Policy—Thousands out of Work.

Philadelphia, April 2.—Executing recently announced retrenchment plans, the Pennsylvania railroad today annulled 118 passenger trains on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie and a large number on the western lines. The 118 trains discontinued on the eastern lines include the 62 specifically named in the original announcement and others formerly operated in connection with them and are in addition to the 26 discontinued some weeks ago when reductions in the passenger service first started.

The financial saving on the eastern lines, it is estimated, will run close to \$2,000,000 a year, should the curtailment be in force that long. On the western lines it is roughly calculated that the economies will effect a saving not greatly dissimilar.

About 500 employees in this city were given furloughs yesterday for various periods, and it was said the number of men already under suspension and those to be laid off within the next month would total 25,000 on the lines east and 15,000 west of Pittsburgh.

DENIES PETITION OF THE EQUITABLE

Effort to Restrain Union Pacific From Distributing B. & O. Stock Fails.

New York, April 2.—Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum today denied the petition of the Equitable Life Assurance society for an injunction to restrain the Union Pacific railroad company from distributing as a special dividend to holders of common stock \$50,000,000 in cash and stock of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The Equitable sought to restrain the railroad company on the ground that holders of preferred stock in the Union Pacific were entitled to share in the dividend or else have the \$50,000,000 regarded as an asset and held by the road.

The Baltimore and Ohio stock was acquired by the Union Pacific from the Pennsylvania railroad in a deal whereby the Union Pacific released its Southern Pacific holdings as required by Supreme court decree dissolving the Harriman system.

It is understood that the Equitable will appeal.

PINK C. ENNIS IS DEAD AT RALEIGH

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 2.—Pink C. Ennis, well known throughout North Carolina as the publisher of the Turner's Almanac and as a popular traveling man of genial bearing and high character, died yesterday at his home here after an illness of several weeks. He had been in failing health for more than a year. He was 62 years old, a native of Salisbury. He had lived in Raleigh many years.

PRE-SERIES BASEBALL GAMES BEGIN TODAY

New York, April 2.—New York's first game of big league baseball in 1914—the opening of a pre-season series between the New York Americans and the Brooklyn Nationals—drew fans toward Ebbets field, Brooklyn today. The game was dedicated primarily to W. Bert Robinson, the Dodgers' new manager.

APRIL FOOL CANDY CONTAINED POISON

Quincy, Mass., April 2.—"April fool candy," which was found to have been flavored with poisonous berries, is likely to cause the death of two children here.

CURLEY IS BISHOP OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Rome, April 2.—The Pope today appointed Rev. Michael J. Curley, rector of St. Peter's, Miami, Fla., to be bishop of the diocese of St. Augustine.

Bennett Improving. Carlo, Egypt, April 2.—James Gordon Bennett's condition had improved this morning, according to the physicians, who stated that the proprietor of the New York Herald had passed a good night.

HEADING WORK OF NAVY MEN

Readiness of Officers and Men To Risk Lives Is Shown In Report to Navy Department.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE TO SAVE COMPANIONS

Descend Again and Again Into Gas Poisoned Hold and Rescue Those Who Were Overcome.

Washington, April 2.—Readiness of officers and enlisted men of the navy to risk their lives for others is strikingly illustrated in a report to the navy department from the commanding officer of the collier Jupiter made public today.

"On March 16 last," the report says in part, "ordinary seaman Curtis, Fritz and Anding went down in No. 13 hold of the Jupiter to coal the galley. Developments showed that poisonous gases had collected in this hold. Fritz, finding himself getting faint, started to go back up the ladder but fell unconscious. Anding placed the holding line around Fritz and Curtis went up for help. Seaman Stanley then went below to bring up Fritz. As soon as the latter had been removed Anding himself dropped back unconscious. Boatwain's Mate Leitner then went down to put the line around Anding but found he had fallen so far from the ladder that the line would not reach. He then tried to drag Anding but was himself overcome and fell back into the hatch. Boatwain W. T. Shaw arrived at this time, went below and endeavored to drag the unconscious men to the ladder but found he could not move them. Chief Carpenter Kempton and Ordinary Seaman Ferguson then went into the hold to render assistance and Ordinary Seaman Curtis went back into the hold a second time. When the executive officer arrived he had a line thrown into the hold from the coal boom and Boatwain Shaw placed this around Anding and he was then hauled out. He then started to bend the line around Leitner but was overcome before he could finish his task. Kempton, Curtis and Ferguson finished it and Leitner was hauled out. The three men then started for the ladder but Kempton and Curtis were overcome and fell back. Ordinary Seamen Sales and Simpson then went to the rescue and all were hauled to safety."

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY S-A WAR VETERANS

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night—Dr. Williams Spoke.

At the meeting held last night of the Spanish-American War veterans at the local fire department, the officers of Thomas W. Patton camp No. 1, who were recently elected, were installed with the impressive installation ceremonies of the camp. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm manifested by the members over the large gathering.

The following officers were installed last night: Commander, D. C. Ledford; senior vice commander, A. L. Garren; junior vice commander, William E. Fox; officer of the guard, William C. Jones; trustee, S. O. Smith; Charles Nichols and John A. Guffy, adjutant, Girdwood Cochran; quartermaster, R. F. Haskell; chaplain, Ernest M. Israel; surgeon, Dr. Charles S. Jordan; sergeant major, B. C. Knight; quartermaster sergeant, W. Dell Ross; musician, John Cole; color sergeant, John S. Boggs, Ed Jones and James P. Patton.

Dr. John Hey Williams, who was recently elected as an honorary life member of the camp, last night addressed the veterans in a splendid talk. He expressed his great satisfaction at being present and dwelt at length on the urgent need of the proposed pension bill, declaring that the co-operation of all the veterans of the country is needed in order to make the bill a law.

Copies of the official organ of the veterans of the country were distributed last night by Quartermaster Haskell. These copies contain the last orders coming from the national headquarters of the organization and deals with camps in all parts of the United States. It was announced that the next meeting will be held on May 6.

TORREON HAS NOT YIELDED

TRAIN BANDIT BALKED BY EXPRESS MESSENGER

Shots Were Exchanged Until Wounded Robber Jumped From Train.

Athens, Ga., April 2.—A bandit who attempted to rob Seaboard Air Line passenger No. 11 southbound near Comer, Ga., early today was balked by an express messenger, R. C. Fletcher, who exchanged shots with the outlaw until he jumped from the train near Comer and escaped.

He boarded the express car as the train was leaving a water station two miles south of Comer. Covering Fletcher with a revolver he ordered him to open the express car safe. Fletcher drew his pistol and opened fire. After several shots were exchanged the bandit, hit by a bullet in the arm, dropped his weapon and leaped from the train. Fletcher was not injured.

Poses today began a search for the outlaw.

SETTLE AMUSED AT DEMOCRATIC "TANGLE"

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 2.—Hon. Thomas Settle of Asheville, was here yesterday for a few hours, the first visit he has paid Raleigh in quite a while. He called on Governor Craig. Mr. Settle says he is having the time of his life now watching the "progressive democracy" movement and the general tangle that he insists is coming upon the dominant party. He declares that he thought he was having the biggest sort of a time during the last campaign for governor when he was the straight republican candidate and he ran just for the fun of it without any thought of being elected, as he expressed it. But now he insists that the amusement he is getting out of the "progressive democracy" stir in North Carolina and the struggles within the party that are now "staged" at the national capitol is greater and far beyond comparison with his campaign fun.

Aviator Killed.

Munich, Bavaria, April 2.—Leut. Lanckmeyer, a Germany army aviator, was killed, and Lieut. Rucht, his passenger, was seriously injured today when their aeroplane collapsed. After the propeller broke and its pieces snapped the rigging.

Reports That City Had Fallen Are Definitely Denied by Villa in Telegram To Col. Avila.

RELATIVE POSITIONS PROBABLY UNCHANGED

Villa's Message States He Expects to Triumph—Details Of Struggle Still are Meagre.

Juarez, Mex., April 2.—Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa late yesterday. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations on the "fall" of Torreon dispatched to him by Colonel Fidel Avila, chief of arms of the garrison here. General Villa replied as follows:

Gomez Palacio, April 1914. "Colonel Fidel Avila, Jefe de las Armas, Juarez. "In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the city of Torreon, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph, of which I will advise you. (Signed) "GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA."

Details of the struggle received here were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

Whether the forces of General Joaquin Maas, marching to the relief of the fed-erals at Torreon, have yet engaged those of the rebel general, Monclovia Herrera, sent to meet him, was not known. No confirmation was received of the rumor that a train load of the soldiers of General Maas was blown up by a dynamite mine. The column under command of General Maas was said to number 4500 men. To meet him it was reported General Herrera was detailed by General Villa. An engagement between these forces was expected hourly.

Miguel Diebold, Mexican federal consul at El Paso, made public a telegram from General Maas reading: "Reported fall of Torreon untrue. Deny all such reports."

The message was dated yesterday and purported to come from Saltillo, just east of Torreon, by way of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Juarez, Mexico, April 2.—Out of the maze of reports and denials concerning the activities of General Francisco Villa at Torreon last night and early today the assumption was (Continued on Page Nine).

With Goethals on the big job—a chapter in this book.

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